

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph under BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION of page 1 of the disclosure currently on file as follows:

This application is a Divisional of nonprovisional U.S. Application No. 10/240,848. Priority is claimed based on U.S. Application No. 10/240,848 filed October 4, 2002, which claims the priority of Japanese Application No. 2001-034337 filed on February 9, 2001. ~~This application is a continuation-in-part application of the Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-034337 filed on February 9, 2001.~~